

News Release

Senior Adam Kleinschmidt Receives Top Student Award from Minnesota Chapter of the The Wildlife Society

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Adam Kleinschmidt, a senior from Glenwood, Minn., majoring in natural resources at the University of Minnesota, Crookston received the Student Conservationist award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society at its annual meeting in Fargo,N.D.This award marks the 10th time in the last 15 years that a U of M, Crookston student has recognized with the award. The annual meeting was held jointly by the Minnesota Chapter and the North Dakota chapters of the organization.

The Student Conservationist Award is awarded to a student "who has shown a commitment to wildlife, has high scholastic achievement, and shows promise as a future wildlife professional."Kleinschmidt is double majoring in wildlife management and natural resources law enforcement.

The Wildlife Society is the professional organization made up of researchers, managers, professors and students with an interest in wildlife or who work in the wildlife field with agencies, colleges, or non-governmental organizations.

"Adam is clearly one of our most committed and passionate conservation students," according to Dr. DanSvedarsky, wildlife professor and Director of UMC's Center for Sustainability."He is very involved in a variety of clubs and volunteer activities, but one of his most outstanding achievements is that he has provided the leadership and spark for staging the local Ducks Unlimited Banquet in the community for the last 4 years! He has mobilized a core of some 25 students to join together and pull off this fairly major undertaking. It is unusual for a younger student to take on leadership of this kind for the campus and community."

Kleinschmidt has accumulated a variety of hands-on experience ranging from a bio-tech at two national wildlife refuges to land management with prairie land management to yard maintenance. In the summer of 2011, he was an invasive species technician atthe Glacial Ridge and Rydell National Wildlife Refuges near Crookston and plansto work there again in the coming field season.

Refuge Biologist, JessicaDowler, had this to say about Adam; "During his time at the refuge, he exemplified the traits of an ideal employee. He was always on time, saw every job to its completion, continued to learn from new opportunities, lead field crews,and worked as part of many teams. He was a go-to guy and the entire staff knew that if Adam was on the job, it would get done and it would get done well."

While not officially on the job, Kleinschmidt also volunteered at the refuge where he organized a group of students to help with a fencing project that saved the refuge many hours and many more dollars to finish the project.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 26 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 36 concentrations, including 10 online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,600 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to aprestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In the photo: Adam Kleinschmidt (left) is presented the Student Conservationist Award from UMC professor, Dan Svedarsky.

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